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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a patent application and papers as follows for:

Inventor(s):

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Title of the Invention: METHOD OF INTERFACING WITH DATA STORAGE CARD

A) APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- 1) ☒ **Fee Transmittal Form** (original and duplicate submitted for fee processing)
- 2) ☐ **Applicant Claims Small Entity Status** (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.27)
 - a) ☐ **Statement Verifying Small Entity Status** (optional)

3) ☒ **Specification**

TOTAL PAGES: 32

- ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
- ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
- ☐ Statement Regarding Federally Sponsored R & D (if applicable)
- ☐ Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- ☒ Background of the Invention
- ☒ Summary of the Invention
- ☒ Description of the Drawing (if filed)
- ☒ Detailed Description of the Invention
- ☒ Claim(s)
- ☒ Abstract of the Invention

4) ☒ **Drawing(s)** (35 U.S.C. § 113)

TOTAL SHEETS: 8

- a) ☒ Formal Drawings (if checked)

5) ☒ **Oath or Declaration**

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- a) ☐ Newly Executed (original or copy)
- b) ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))-for continuation/divisional application
 - i) ☐ Deletion of inventor(s): Signed Statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- c) ☐ Unexecuted

6) ☐ **Application Data Sheet**. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.76.

7) ☐ **CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)**

8) ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission** (if applicable, all are necessary)

- a) ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b) ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i) ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii) ☐ Paper
- c) ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

B) ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- 9) ☐ **Assignment Papers** (cover sheet & document(s))
- 10) ☐ **37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement** (when there is an assignee)
- 11) ☐ **Power of Attorney**
- 12) ☐ **English Translation Document** (if applicable)
- 13) ☐ **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449**
- 14) ☐ **Copies of IDS Citations**
- 15) ☒ **Preliminary Amendment**
- 16) ☒ **Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)** (specifically itemized)
- 17) ☐ **Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)** (if foreign priority is claimed)
- 18) ☐ **Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**
- 19) ☐ **OTHER:** (if applicable, specified below)

C) FOR CONTINUING APPLICATIONS: (the appropriate box is checked, and certain information is provided below and in a preliminary amendment)

☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application no.: 09/676,591

filed: September 29, 2000

examiner: Frech, Karl D.

group/art unit: 2876

for continuation or divisional applications only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied as detailed above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

D.) PRIORITY CLAIM(S):

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing date</u>	<u>Status (patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
09/676,591	September 29, 2000	Pending
08/945,626	May 27, 1998	Patented
WO96/36051	May 9, 1996	Patented

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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E) METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR THIS APPLICATION:

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ A check for \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fees.
- ☒ The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge filing fees or to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 03-1721.

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Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3:(3- 3) x \$86	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims \$290:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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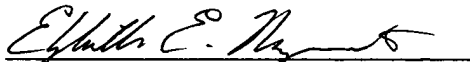
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Ann N. ZUPPICICHentitled METHOD OF INTERFACING WITH DATA STORAGE CARD**CLAIMS AS FILED**


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BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$770	\$770.00
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))		3-3=	*	x \$ 86	\$.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		(37 CFR 1.16(d))			
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